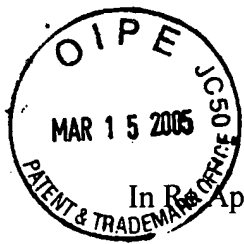


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**Response to Office Action**

Dear Examiner Michener:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated 9/16/04, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on 12/16/04. Enclosed is a petition for a 3 month extension of time, extending the period to respond to 3/16/05. This response is being co-filed with a terminal disclaimer.

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